

## DENTAL BOARD[650]

### Notice of Intended Action

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Iowa Dental Board hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 10, "General Requirements," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment modifies licensee responsibilities under public health supervision by eliminating the provision that a public health supervision agreement must specify a period of time, no more than 12 months, in which an examination by a dentist must occur prior to provision of further hygiene services by the hygienist. The amendment is proposed in response to a petition for rule making filed by the Iowa Dental Hygienists' Association seeking to remove barriers to access to dental care. The amendment allows the dentist and hygienist to determine the appropriate interval for a dental examination based on the needs of the patients in a public health setting.

This amendment is subject to waiver at the sole discretion of the Board in accordance with 650—Chapter 7.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment on or before March 3, 2009. Such written comments should be directed to Jennifer Hart, Executive Officer, Iowa Dental Board, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4687. E-mail may be sent to [Jennifer.Hart@iowa.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Hart@iowa.gov).

Also, there will be a public hearing on March 3, 2009, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Board Conference Room, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendment. Any person who plans to attend the public hearing and who may have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Board and advise of specific needs.

This amendment was approved at the January 15, 2009, regular meeting of the Iowa Dental Board.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 153.15.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subparagraph **10.5(3)"a"(3)** as follows:

(3) Specify a period of time, ~~no more than 12 months,~~ in which an examination by a dentist must occur prior to providing further hygiene services. However, this examination requirement does not apply to educational services, assessments, screenings, and fluoride if specified in the supervision agreement; and